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## Specific Terms Outlined In Miners' Reaffiliation

MIAMI—A.F.L. President William Green made public three letters from John L. Lewis which constituted the United Mine Workers Union's application for reaffiliation with the A.F.L. These communications were only the most recent ones of a long series. The first letter, dated February 10, 1945, follows:

"Acknowledgement is hereby made of the receipt of your letter of February 9, which expresses the suggestions of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor with respect to the possible reaffiliation of the United Mine Workers of America.

**Laws and Rules Acknowledged**

"The United Mine Workers of America are conscious that the American Federation of Labor has rules and laws covering affiliates which are binding upon such affiliates as long as they are chartered by the American Federation of Labor. In consequence, I am authorized to say that the United Mine Workers of America will at once reenter the American Federation of Labor with its entire membership.

"When the charter of reaffiliation is issued to the United Mine Workers of America, representative of this organization will be willing to meet with representatives of the American Federation of Labor, or any of its affiliates, to discuss the question of any jurisdictional claim that may be filed, in harmony with the customary procedure and the existing laws and rules of the American Federation of Labor. Acceptance of a charter of reaffiliation with the American Federation of Labor by the United Mine Workers of America is contingent upon being given its usual representation on the Executive Council."

The second letter dated January 12, 1946, said:

"On February 10, 1945, this office, in behalf of the United Mine Workers of America, addressed you a letter for presentation to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor stating the conditions affecting possible reaffiliation. Copy of the letter in question is hereby attached.

**Reaffiliation Terms Satisfactory**

"I reaffirm statements made in the aforesaid letter and advise that reaffiliation at this time upon the described terms would be satisfactory to the United Mine Workers of America."

The final letter was dated January 17, 1946, and said:

"Supplementing letter sent you on Saturday, January 12, affecting reaffiliation of the United Mine Workers of America with the American Federation of Labor, I am herewith enclosing United Mine Workers' check in the amount of $9,000, signed by International Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Kennedy, in payment of tax on 600,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America for the month of January, 1946.

"This payment, of course, is contingent upon consummation of affiliation.

"We assume that this is the correct amount, but if not, any necessary adjustment can be made by Secretary Kennedy.

## Former Council Delegate Dies

Word has been received from San Diego of the death on February 4 of Robert E. Collins, formerly business agent of Waiters' Union, No. 30, and a delegate from that union to the San Francicco Labor Council. Mr. Collins had been sent to San Diego by his international union to do some work in that city. He was a man of pleasing personality and devoted himself unselfishly to further the aims and purposes of Organized Labor in general and his own union in particular. The Local Joint Board of Culinary Unions adjourned their recent meeting in respect for Mr. Collins.

## I.L.O. Meetings

MONTREAL—Two sessions of the International Labor Conference will be held in 1946. The 28th session, which will be devoted exclusively to formulating international minimum standards for maritime Labor, will be held in the early summer, and will take place in Seattle if an invitation of the United States government is accepted. May 30 has been tentatively suggested as the opening date. The date and place of the session will be fixed by the officers of the I.L.O.'s governing body. The 29th session of the conference will be held in Montreal beginning September 19, according to a decision taken by the governing body.

## Brewery Workers May Rejoin A.F.L.

MIAMI.—Moves for reaffiliation of the United Brewery and Soft Drink Workers Union with the A.F.L. are under way here.

A.F.L. President William Green announced receipt of a telegram from William J. Kromelbein, general secretary-treasurer of the union, requesting an opportunity for its three top officials to come here to discuss with the executive council the jurisdiction dispute with the Teamsters Union which led to the suspension of the Brewery Workers. Mr. Green promptly replied that the council would be glad to give the union officials a hearing.

The Brewery Workers Union was suspended in 1939 after it failed to comply with a convention decision on the jurisdiction dispute which involved beer truck drivers. It is one of the oldest and most respected unions in the Nation and its return to the A.F.L. would be a welcome development.

## Leaves City Service

Serving the City of San Francisco in the City Hall for some 12 years, Molly Minudri resigned her position on January 31 and will devote herself to her family. Molly, who has endeared herself to her former fellow workers at the "Hall," was a conscientious servant of the people of San Francisco and a champion for city employees in their efforts to obtain better hours, wages and working conditions. She interested herself in the many and complex problems of civic government. It goes without saying that her termination of service will leave a vacancy hard to replace. As a delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council she took an active part in its deliberations and her final conclusions were based on facts in a given discussion.

## Misquoted

Many of his friends in the Labor Movement of San Francisco were some what skeptical after reading that Tony Ballerini had stated "we are going to try and break up the strike." The reference was made concerning the local machinists' strike. Mr. Ballerini was indignant over the newspaper article, stating that, "I never made such a statement and certainly my friends know that I would not take such a stand." The newspaper on Tuesday, February 5, printed an explanation for their misquoting the popular officer of Production Machine Operators and Aeronautical Lodge, No. 1327.

## Vice President of Council

Result of the run-off election for the office of vice president of the San Francisco Labor Council, held Friday evening, February 1, gave Thomas A. Rotell victory over his opponent, George Johns. Rotell received 155 votes to Johns' 111. The run-off was made necessary by virtue of a three-candidate race in which neither of the above men received a majority of votes cast in the election of January 25.

## Help in Food Campaign

NEW YORK—Employees of the U. S. Department of Labor in a three-week campaign contributed $1,243 and more than 1,600 cans of food to combat starvation in Europe, China and the Philippines, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach said in a statement made public at headquarters of the Victory Collection of Canned Food.

## Dutch Editors in S. F.

Six Dutch editors will arrive in San Francisco February 9. They are on tour of the United States at the invitation of the State Department. The group is interested in American business and industry, reconversion matters, Labor and are forwarding articles to their home newspapers from the various cities on their itinerary, as they represent a cross-section of the Netherland's main political parties.

## Disability Bill Faces Crippling Amendments

(State Federation of Labor News Service)

The California State Federation of Labor sponsored disability bill, SB 40 *(Shelley et al)* and its companion measure in the assembly, AB 58 *(Lyons et al)*, still face their chief danger of being further nullified by crippling amendments. Late Tuesday word was received that after an unsuccessful attempt by Senator Desmond to amend SB 40, it was passed by the Senate by a vote of 35 to 0, and is now on its way to the assembly.

AB 58 was given a favorable recommendation by the assembly committee on finance and insurance only after an amendment providing for a seven-day waiting interval prior to each period of disability was inserted. In the senate, Senator Shelley successfully opposed most of the numerous amendments offered to SB 40 by its opponents, but two objectionable features were incorporated in the bill over his vehement protests.

One amendment limited to 23½ weeks the period in any one benefit year during which the recipient could draw benefits for either disability or normal unemployment. Since the proposed disability fund is supported exclusively by employees' contributions, this provision is extremely unfair. The other amendment, which still stands, provides for voluntary disability plans which may be supported either by the employer or through payment of premiums to insurance companies. In theory, this amendment would establish a system similar to that which has operated successfully in connection with workmen's compensation insurance. The federation has not objected to the principle involved, but if such a program is to be either satisfactory or workable, several changes must be made in the present draft of the bill. The measure will be up for further consideration in the immediate future and will undoubtedly face further amendments seeking to weaken it.

All legislation has been subordinated to the primary interest of the legislature in both houses in the Field and Hulse bills, two identical measures appropriating $90,000,000 in State funds to cities and counties to finance local public works projects. The Field bill has been passed by both houses and will be sent to Governor Warren before the end of the week; the senate has passed the Hulse bill and it will be held in assembly files until the Governor has acted on the Field bill. It is anticipated that the Governor will veto this bill and that the legislature will then move to override the veto. Should this plan succeed, and there are ample indications that it will, it is expected that immediate pressure will be exerted for early adjournment without further consideration of either the Governor's State construction program or of social legislation in which the Federation is vitally interested.

## Oakland Labor Official Dies

Death came to Roy Lester, secretary of Bartenders' Union (Oakland), No. 52, on January 31. The late Mr. Lester was well known on both sides of the Bay as he had served as business agent, assistant secretary and secretary for his local for the past decade. Death came from a sudden heart attack. Mr. Lester was 56 years of age at time of death. He had been a member of Teamsters' Union, No. 70, also an active member of Post 1010, V.F.W.

## Captain C. E. May Re-elected

Re-elected for his tenth consecutive term as president of Masters, Mates and Pilots, No. 90, Captain Charles E. May is receiving congratulations from his many friends in San Francisco and elsewhere in the Nation. Elected with Captain May for the 1946-48 term are H. Michelsen, first vice president; V. Westerholm, second vice president, and J. Edgerton, secretary-treasurer. Installation of the organization's officers was made by Captain Kaufman, national vice president of the Inland Masters, Mates and Pilots and secretary of Local No. 40.

## Convention Committee Meeting

The San Francisco Labor Council's committee of arrangements for the forthcoming convention of the California State Federation of Labor, to be held in San Francisco beginning June 27, met on Tuesday, February 5, and discussed preliminary matters relative to the convention. A member of the San Francisco Tourist Bureau was present to discuss with the committee the housing of delegates. Chairman Anthony Cancilla has set February 12 as the date for the next meeting.

## New York Millinery Workers Make Gains

NEW YORK—Eighteen thousand millinery workers in the New York area are given a 20 per cent wage increase, paid vacations and a health service under the terms of a new agreement signed by representatives of two big associations of hat manufacturers and the New York joint board of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union.

Union spokesmen predicted that similar agreements would be reached with 125 independent millinery manufacturers.

Nathaniel Spector, manager of the joint board, hailed the agreement as an example of the effectiveness of collective bargaining based on an understanding by each side of the other's problems. He said the employers had agreed to contribute a sum equal to 3 per cent of payrolls to a new health fund and 2 per cent to a vacation fund.

The contract will run for three years, and the 20 per cent wage increase will apply both to piece workers and those paid by the week. Members of the union ratified the agreement at a series of meetings held in various parts of the city.

## Milwaukee Slum Clearance

MILWAUKEE—Milwaukee expects to have a municipal slum-clearance fund of $500,000 for use in 1946, the National Association of Housing Officials reports. The Milwaukee common council had already appropriated $250,000 to the newly-formed housing authority of Milwaukee "to start the fight to eliminate blighted areas." Since the money was not spent during the year, it was held in reserve for the authority.


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## *Purchasing Facts*

### CIGARETTE PRICES

Cigarette manufacturers are pressing O.P.A. for price increases that would raise the retail cost to smokers a cent a pack. The industry wants higher prices, although the price it pays for burley tobacco has been dropping.

One of the arguments used for higher prices is that the major companies will have to spend more for advertising now that the war is over. According to trade reports, their expenditures for advertising during the war years were almost halved.

The big companies want to expand their post-war advertising in order to drive out the independents who flourished during the wartime sellers' market. Hence, they want higher prices to finance more advertising that will help kill off competition, so that they can raise prices again when price control is ended.

Fortunately, O.P.A. has shown no signs of weakening in the face of the campaign for higher prices. Consumers should not be compelled to pay higher prices for the dubious gain of being bombarded with more ads and radio programs describing the alleged virtues of this or that leading brand.

### FURNITURE

The outlook for some types of furniture production appears to be favorable. Trade reports indicate there will be plenty of walnut and mahogany. Walnut, the bulk of which went into the manufacture of gun stocks during the war, will again be available for furniture production. And several million feet of mahogany—enough to meet furniture demand, the trade believes—were added to inventories during the last two months of 1945.

Furniture manufacturers are predicting that the volume of products reaching retailers will increase sharply during the first half of 1946, as compared with similar shipments during the same period last year.

### DANGEROUS TIRES

Millions of dangerous tires for motorists have been removed from the market through a Nation-wide drive of the Office of Price Administration to protect car owners from both unsafe casings and inflated prices, O.P.A. announced.

The usual procedure is as follows: Tire dealers sell worn and broken casings to junk dealers who in turn sell them at a good profit to recappers who make superficial repairs and then recap the tires. They are then distributed to retail dealers and through them reach consumers who are ignorant of the real condition of the casings.

More than 300 violations, many involving carloads or truckloads of casings, have been uncovered in the Nation-wide campaign launched last fall and still under way.

Fred Wettstein, popular secretary of the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, No. 226, returned to his office in the Labor Temple on Monday, February 4, following a bout with the "flu." Under the watchful eye of Mrs. Wettstein, Fred stayed in bed until all danger was passed.


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## Social Security Board's Major Recommendations

In its tenth annual report to Congress, the Social Security Board has outlined an over-all social insurance program of vital interest to you and your family, according to Mr. Charles H. Shreve, manager of the San Francisco Social Security Board field office. Mr. Shreve briefly summarized the board's major recommendations as follows:

### Old Age and Survivors' Insurance

The board has recommended an increase in benefit amounts under this program, particularly for low-paid workers. It has suggested that women workers become eligible for retirement benefits at 60, instead of 65 as the law now reads. Elderly workers would be permitted to earn up to $30 a month without forfeiting their old-age benefits. The present limit is $14.99. The program would be extended to cover farm, domestic, and public workers, employees of nonprofit organizations and self-employed persons, including farmers. The board has also asked Congress to see that servicemen receive credit towards old-age and survivors insurance for their period of service in the armed forces.

### Disability Insurance, Health Insurance

The Social Security Board has asked Congress to cover two risks: sickness and disability. If you became sick, you and your family would receive cash benfits to make up a portion of your lost wages. If you should become permanently disabled and no longer able to work, then you would receive benefits similar to those paid under old-age retirement. In addition, you would be insured against the costs of medical care, including doctor and hospital bills.

### A National Insurance System

From its ten years' of experience in the field of social insurance, the Social Security Board has in this year's annual report outlined a comprehensive national system of social insurance. This insurance would cover all of the major risks to economic security. Likewise, it would cover all workers and their dependents to whom such risks apply. Insofar as this over-all insurance fails to meet the people's needs, we will continue to have an assistance program. The board would strengthen and revise its present public assistance program to enable needy people to receive financial aid, irrespective of the reason for the need or the place of residence.

Such an over-all social insurance program, as outlined by the board, would be a vital contribution to your economic independence and to the Nation's prosperity.

## No Workmen's Compensation

The 24 families of the men killed in the recent Pineville, Kentucky, mine disaster offer a powerful argument for compulsory workmen's compensation, Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach said in letters to Labor officials throughout the United States. Not one of these widows and children will receive a cent of workmen's compensation, he stated, because, under Kentucky's elective law, the Straight Creek Coal Company does not insure its workers against job injury. Survivors of the 14 men killed in the more recent mine explosion near Welch, West Virginia, are more fortunate in that the coal company carried insurance although the State law is elective. Secretary Schwellenbach said protection could be assured to all workers by amendments to State workmen's compensation acts which would make coverage mandatory upon all employers, instead of optional as now prevails in 29 States.

## Coffin Makers Win Wage

NEW YORK.—Winning of a two-week strike of 700 coffin makers in the New York area was announced January 26 by Ned de Mar, president of Local 3128, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The union head said the workers received a 15 per cent increase and a five-day, 40-hour week. The union had asked a 20 per cent raise.


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# Female Factory Job Data For San Francisco, State

The downward trend in female factory employment in California durable goods industries which began in 1943 was halted this December, Paul Scharrenberg, director of industrial relations, announced. Women wage earners in the durable goods group numbered 30,600 in December compared with 30,5000 in November. In December, 1944, 139,400 women production workers were engaged in manufacturing durable goods products.

Reflecting continued seasonal contraction in the fruit and vegetable canning industry, the female factory force in nondurable goods industries dropped to 62,800 in December from 65,100 women production workers in November.

The apparel industry employed 22,500 female wage earners this December, the highest December level in the last five years for which data are available. Apparel was the largest women-employing manufacturing industry in December.

Losses in nondurable goods industries more than offset the slight gain in durable goods industries so that the number of women production workers in manufacturing industries as a whole decreased to 93,400 in December from 95,600 the preceding month. The current level compares with the year-ago total of 214,900 female production workers.

Aircraft plants in the State employed 10,600 female wage earners this December, a slight rise from the November total of 10,100. Women production workers in California shipyards (excluding Government yards) numbered 1,600 in December compared with 1,800 in the preceding month.

### San Francisco Bay Area

Reflecting seasonal decrease in canning, and Labor-management disputes, female factory employment in manufacturing industries in the San Francisco Bay industrial area (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties) declined to 19,500 in December from 21,500 in November. In December, 1944, 52,500 women wage earners were at work in area manufacturing plants.

The number of female factory workers in nondurable goods industries dropped to 14,500 in December from 16,200 the preceding month chiefly as a result of the usual seasonal contraction in food processing industries. The current level in the nondurable goods group compares with the year-ago total of 19,200 women production workers.

The female factory force in durable goods industries decreased to 5,000 this December from 5,300 in November and 33,300 in December, 1944. .

Bay Area shipyards (excluding Government yards) in operation employed 400 women production workers in December compared with 600 the previous month.

## Correction

In some mysterious manner, known only to editors and printers, errors creep into news stories. Writers check their proofs and printing offices have proofreaders, but in spite of precautions taken, mistakes are made. Such happened in the anniversary number of the *Labor Clarion*. In the story captioned "Officers," the list of the official family of the San Francisco Labor Council was "pied," to use a term of the trade. We express our regret to those concerned and herewith make the necessary corrections:

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE—Arthur Dougherty, Arthur Hare, George Kyne, Jennie Matyas, Clarence Walsh, Jackie MacFarlane Walsh and Thomas White.

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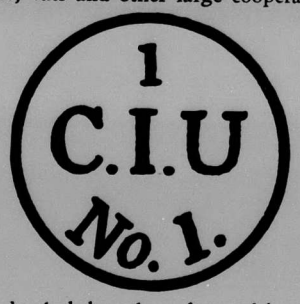
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## State Legislative Items

AJR 3 *(Lyons et al)*, memorializing Congress to pass the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill, received favorable recommendation from the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency after State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty testified on its behalf, following opposition to the resolution from representatives of real estate interests.

AB 77 *(Dekker et al)* appropriating $35,000,000 for a housing program, is the only measure provided for a permanent housing program that has received favorable attention. It was approved by the assembly committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

AB 109 *(Maloney and Gaffney)*, which increases benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Law for both permanent and temporary disability from $25 to $30 per week.

AB 97 *(Miller et al)*, prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed or national origin, was tabled in the assembly committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy. A similar measure by Hawkins and others had previously been refused a favorable recommendation.

ATLANTIC CITY—Two big glass companies, the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Toledo, and the Pittsburgh Glass Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., granted a 7¼ per cent hourly wage increase to 600 highly skilled A.F.L. glass workers. The wage increase was granted after a two-day conference here between management and representatives of the Window Glass Cutters League of America. The increases, which amount to approximately $1.25 a day, were retroactive to March 8, 1945.


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# Fifth of War Workers Now Earning Less or Jobless

CHICAGO—More than a fifth of the workers displaced by the closing of a St. Paul, Minn., aircraft parts plant shortly after VJ-Day are unemployed, according to preliminary tallies of a current recheck of a small but representative sample of such workers, it was announced by John B. Parrish, Chicago regional director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Labor Department.

Those who have found new jobs are working for far less than they received as war workers.

Half of the workers are now employed by other firms, Parrish said, 10 per cent are self-employed and the remainder consists of housewives and students not seeking work plus young men in military service.

Weekly earnings of men who were employed in 1941 and who have found new jobs since leaving the aircraft parts plant have receded to pre-war levels, Parrish added. These men averaged $47.46 for a work week of 51.5 hours in 1941. In wartime their earnings jumped to $81.47 for 54.4 hours per week in the spring of 1945. Since then there has been a drop which reduced their earnings to $47.75 for a 45.4 hour week.

Parrish pointed out that these workers have suffered a marked reduction purchasing power due to increased taxes and the sharp rise in the cost of living.

## Price Chislers Hit

NEW YORK—The amazing number of businessmen who put profits above law and patriotism was illustrated here when, in one day, the Office of Price Administration took 853 ceiling price violation cases before Magistrate Charles E. Ramsgate. That was too many for him to handle, so he called in another judge to take part of the load. Even then, many of the cases had to be postponed. Among those charged with boosting prices and rents above the O.P.A. limit were grocers, butchers, other retailers, apartment house owners and rooming house proprietors.


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## Radio

Announcement was made in the news columns of the San Francisco *Chronicle* on February 2 that Alvin E. Nelson, formerly identified with the National Broadcasting Company, had filed with the Federal Communications Commission a formal application to establish a powerful new radio station in this city. The station proposed is to be 50,000-watt broadcasting 18 hours daily and is to be devoted "primarily and fundamentally to matters of community interest and welfare for San Francisco." We congratulate Mr. Nelson and his associates upon their enterprise and vision. We sincerely trust that Mr. Nelson and his associates will find a suitable place and time in their schedule of broadcasting for A.F.L. Labor of this city. We have stated so many times that A.F.L. Labor in this city as exemplified by the San Francisco Labor Council has stressed the needs for a better city. The leaders and members of the A.F.L. Labor have spent of their time and money in promoting projects well calculated to improve the living standards and recreational facilities in the city and Bay Area. The part that A.F.L. Labor of San Francisco has paid in improving labor relations has been the beacon light of the Nation. Mr. Nelson and his associates will surely recognize the civic worth by scheduling, if we may suggest, a period of broadcast time devoted to Labor, thereby rendering to San Francisco a service worthy of the great industry which they represent in part.

## Radical

While holding no brief nor implying endorsement for the present Governor of the State of California, we cannot by any stretch of our imagination call him "radical" as did a local morning paper recently. Could it be that Governor Warren is "radical" because he has given his support to issues pending in the legislative chambers at Sacramento that will improve the position in life of those who toil—union and non-union alike. Surely, newspapers of the State do not wish to return to the "good old days" of State and city charity, bread lines, low wages and consequently low production. Legislators in Sacramento, in the main, recognize the needs of working men and women and are guiding legislation to that end.

## Definition

It is amusing to read in the daily press of the Nation that the "public" this or the "public" that is reacting to strikes and will force Labor Leaders and Labor in general out of the picture. We wonder if the "public" is a group other than all the people. We wonder if, because a man or a woman holds membership in a union, if they cease to be a part of what Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines as "n.—The general body of mankind, or of a nation, State, community; the people, indefinitely; as, the American public." For our part, we will agree with Webster.

## Pictureless Cartoon

A politician was interrupted by a man in the crowd who repeatedly shouted "Liar!"

After about the twentieth repitition, the speaker paused and eyed the tormenter.

"If the man who persists in interrupting," he said "will be good enough to tell us his name instead of merely shouting out his profession, I'm sure we shall all be pleased to make his acquaintance."

## What Next?

Three coaches with specially equipped "mother-and-child" compartments have been put in service on the Swedish State Railways. The cars, constructed according to directives by the Swedish Medical Board and private welfare organizations, have dining places and toilet facilities for babies. Twenty-five such cars have been ordered.

## Look to Your Leaders

By RUTH TAYLOR

From the beginning of time the favorite alibi of a man, a nation or a race, for going astray has been the defection of the leader. He was the one to blame. He was the sin. The others simply followed. But that is one alibi that just does not hold water in a democratic society. For where the people determine upon their leader—he is their servant, not their boss—their representative, not their fuehrer, and he must be made to realize this!

In this hour when Labor is being severely criticized because of the misdeeds of some of its leaders, it doesn't matter how comparatively few these traitors to trade unionism are. *It does matter* that this condition exists at all, for Labor elects its own leaders.

Wherever a corrupt or dishonorable or self-seeking leader is in authority he stays there with the consent or through the toleration of those who placed him in such a position—or which is most usual—through their indifference. David Harum said, "You can't have an honest horse race until you have an honest human race." And you can't have honest and honorable leaders unless the honest and honorable people will get out and put them into power and help them in every way to carry out their appointed tasks.

The crying need of the world today is leadership—in international relations, in national affairs, in local offices —and in all branches of our daily life. Good leaders are hard to find because the task of conscientious, honest, objective leadership is a difficult, thankless one. As a people we are too apt to put up with mediocrity rather than to get out and bestir ourselves to find men who can properly represent us. We are too easily and too often taken in by a glib tongue and easy, confident manner.

Organized Labor must remember that its leaders represent the entire movement—that they are the embodiment of the things for which trade unionism stands, of the principles in which organized workingmen believe. You, the rank and file of Labor, can get rid of dishonest or self-seeking leaders if you want to. It is up to you to clean your own house of those whose major interest is their own profit or aggrandizement, for otherwise the work will be done from outside—perhaps unfairly and probably in ways you won't like.

All reform movements must come from beneath, and it is the rank and file of Labor who must speak out. You must select as leaders men of whose integrity you are sure. Once you have found such men, you must back them wholeheartedly, in action as well as in speech. If the leaders turn out well, you can take the credit. If they turn out badly—there is no alibi, for you chose them. As long as you tolerate such leaders and do not take steps to replace them, you remain responsible. Look to your leaders!

## Vet Educational Benefits

*(Second of a Series of Articles Issued by the Veterans Department of the Labor League for Human Rights.)*

Before Public Law 364 (G.I. Bill of Rights) was made more attractive by recent legislation, it fell far short of giving all the educational benefits a *disabled* veteran is entitled to under Public Law 16. Even with these changes in P. L. 364, it is still advisable for a disabled veteran to obtain his education and training under P. L. 16, when he can qualify.

The purpose behind this law is to restore the employability of a veteran which has been lost by virtue of a handicap due to disability incurred in or aggravated by the service. In the selection of an occupation or a course of study preparatory to a profession in which rehabilitation is to be effected, it is contemplated that the veteran will be at no disadvantage in competition with others at its completion.

Previous to entering upon such a program the disabled veteran must undergo a process of advisement before a Veterans Administration Committee. This committee considers his disabilities in relation to his proposed occupational adjustament. It is upon the decision of this committee that a veteran is entitled to embark on a course of study or a period of traiinng of his own choice.

Under this law a veteran may receive education and training up to four years provided:

1—He saw active military service any time after September 16, 1940, and during the present war.

2—He has honorable discharge.

3—His disability was incurred in or aggravated by such service *for which pension is payable.*

4—He has need of vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap caused by service connected disability.

The advantages of obtaining educational benefits under P. L. 16 are the increased amounts in subsistence allowance and the free medical and dental care allowable. During the period of training or education and for two months thereafter, the veteran, if single, receives a pension of $92.00 a month, and, if married $103.50, and $5.75 a month additional for each dependent child and $11.50 for each dependent parent.

An important consideration a disabled veteran should give this law is his right to the same benefit, if he suffers an injury or an aggravation of an injury, as would be due him if such disability or aggravation were service connected, except that such an injury must not result from his own wilful misconduct.

In contrast to P. L. 364, a veteran who qualifies under this law is entitled to four years of education regardless of the length of his active service. He is also entitled to free transportation, meals and lodging, when necessary, for the purpose of getting advice on starting such a course of study or training.

The Veterans Administration requires that two forms, No. 1900, which is an application for Vocational Rehabilitation and No. 1950, an application for a course of Education, be filed for consideration and approval for education and training under this law. Of course, both of these forms will have been preceded by Form 526, which is the application for pension.

## *Working It Out*

By FRANCES PERKINS

One is impressed with the vitality and energy with which the Belgian people are working on their recovery, economic, social, and political. They are politically very sophisticated. Their history is full of the periods of occupation by foreign conquerors and invaders, and they say of themselves, "We understand the mentality of all invaders and how to protect ourselves in some degree." When I was in Ghent recently, I was so impressed with the activity of the Belgians and with the obviously improved economic condition of the country that I asked many people in all walks of life, "What is the cause, why is Belgium so much better off than the neighboring countries?" A former prime minister who is also an economist and financial expert, one greatly experienced in several countries of the world, pointed out certain favorable economic factors, such as the Belgian Congo's production placed in the Allied pool and, therefore, giving the Belgians an actual credit under lend-lease of a very large amount. Also, he pointed out the diversification of industry and agriculture and the variety of skills. He mentioned the fact that Belgium is accustomed to being occupied and therefore did not suffer the psychlogical shock which came to Holland and France. And then he added, "another thing and most important—it is always the habit and attitude in Belgium that everyone must do what he can where he is."

I talked also to a former large industrialist who is now conducting his industry temporarily in a small shed and in a small way but every month showing expansion, repairs to the war damaged plant, and more employment. I asked him why, and he said again, "in Belgium it is necessary that everyone should do his part and promptly."

A university president whose brilliant record during the resistance is universally admired said the same. A little grocer in a side street confirmed it. An elderly great lady of aristocratic name and position, explaining her resistance activities which had been courageous and explaining the fire in honor of American visitors in the little air-tight stove in her drawing room (fire and heat in any room is most unusual in Belgium) described how, to have it, she had cut small trees and shrubbery in her own garden at the back of the house, and then added, "In Belgium everyone must do what he can in his own way."

And in the last day of my visit in Belgium, I was talking with a group of workmen who, with picks and shovels and pikes and crowbars were painfully destroying the West Wall of German fortifications and rebuilding the destroyed docks and fish market without cranes and bulldozers and mixing machines—doing it painfully by old-fashioned hand methods because the Germans had carted off their modern machinery. I spoke briefly to one of the groups and congratulated them upon their work and their determined assault upon the problem of recovery in Ostend. They smiled politely as though it were nothing to make a fuss about. Then one of them said to me, "it is all right. In Belgium everyone must do what he can."

I came to the conclusion that this is the Belgium motto, and the key to their mentality which makes it possible for them to move so rapidly and effectively without waiting for an over-all plan, a directive, or even a promise of reward..

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## Letter to the Editor

Editor, *Labor Clarion*—This expresses the deep appreciation of our officers and Board of Directors for your generous publicity co-operation in our recent 1945 Christmas Seal sale. The seal sale this year was very successful in spite of labor and other unfavorable conditions. Returns to date are approximately $110,000, and we expect the final total to reach $120,000. We are most grateful to you for your help in achieving this successful result.

Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, Chairman 1945 Christmas Seal Sale Committee.

# Green Lauds Return to Job Of A.F.L. Butcher Workmen

MIAMI.—A.F.L. President William Green warmly commended the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America for having ordered its men back to work in the packing plants after government seizure. He said:

"I have just been officially notified by President Earl W. Jimerson and Secretary-Treasurer Patrick E. Gorman of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America that they have ordered 70,000 striking members to return to work in the packing plants now taken over by the government.

**In Keeping With A.F.L. Policy**

"This is a thoroughly wise decision, in keeping with the policy of the American Federation of Labor.

"We do not believe that any union can strike against the government of the United States.

"The officers of the union informed me that continuation of the strike after government seizure of the packing plants would have brought about disastrous results.

"The workers would have suffered severe losses in wage income, whereas they can now expect that their wage dispute with the industry will be decided on its merits by the fact-finding board investigating the case and that any wage increase recommended will be made retroactive to the dates of seizure.

**Good Will Earned**

"Instead of incurring widespread criticism by denying meat to soldiers stationed overseas, inconveniencing our entire population and causing disastrous losses to farmers, cattle raisers and cattle feeders, the returning workers will earn the good will and sympathy of the public.

"I congratulate the officers of this American Federation of Labor union for their patriotic and courageous decision to co-operate with the government and the public.

## Housing Lack Held Health Menace

WASHINGTON—"The badly snarled housing situation, which angers millions of Americans and constitutes one of the Nation's prime headaches, is so bad that unless large-scale construction gets under way shortly, there is no telling what the consequences may be," the American Federation of Labor warns in the American Federationist. "One thing is certain," the Federation declares, "the shortage of decent housing is a most serious threat to the health of our people. The whole mess could have been avoided if those in power had only paid some attention to and acted upon the recommendations of the A.F.L. Instead, the counsel of those interested exclusively in lining their pocketbooks prevailed. The disastrous result should occasion so surprise whatever."

## Heart Day in San Francisco

February 14, St. Valentine's Day, will be observed as Heart Day in California. The Second District of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, in cooperation with the heart committee of the San Francisco Tuberculosis Association, will sponsor a public meeting in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, at which attention will again be focused on the need for convalescent care for children with rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease. Mrs. George H. Bowman, president of the second district, will preside, and a panel discussion of the problems of the rheumatic child will be held with both the medical profession and parents of the community participating.

## Discharged From Army

Receiving his honorable discharge from the Army Signal Corps on January 23 after nearly four years in the military service of his Nation, former Technical Sergeant Edward McDonald returned to San Francisco from Camp Beale. Mr. McDonald was stationed in North Africa for approximately a year and a half in charge of a crew responsible for the installation and repair of communication lines between the United States, Great Britain and Germany. For 20 months Mr. McDonald was a radar instructor in Florida. He is the husband of Mary McDonald, Labor Council office secretary.


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# Deaths in Labor's Ranks

*Davis, Walter J.*—In this city January 28; member of Production Machine Operators and Aeronautical Lodge, No. 1327.

*Regan, Aubry F.*—In this city January 29; member of Chauffeurs' Union, No. 265.

*Luff, Austin Daniel*—In this city January 30; member of San Francisco Printing Pressmen's Union, No. 24.

*Serna, Albert*—In this city January 30; member of Molders' Union, No. 164.

*Hinrichs, August*—In this city January 30; member of Bartenders' Union, No. 41.

*Martinez, Pedro*—In this city, January 30; member of Miscellaneous Employees' Union, No. 110.

*Tanzer, Emil Joseph*—In this city January 31; member of San Francisco Carmen's Union No. 1380.

*Anderson, Ralph Stanley (Sam)*—In this city February 2; member of Chauffeurs' Union, No. 265,

*Brehm, Phillip*—In this city February 2; member of Teamsters' No. 216.

*Willis, William Francis*—In this city February 2; member of Teamsters' Union, No. 65.

*Siebering, Albert T.*—In this city February 3; member of Cooks' Union, No. 44.

*Alvarez, Cesareo*—In this city February 3; member of Molders' Union, No. 164.

*Thompson, Robert Walter*—In this city February 3; member of Bartenders' Union, No. 41.

*McDiarmid, John*—In this city February 4; member of Carpenters' Union, No. 483.

## Union Security Won

CHICAGO—American Feather Co. workers now enjoy the protection and coverage of the U.I.U. social security program as the result of harmonious negotiation with the firm by Upholsterers' and Furniture Workers Local 18, Upholsterers' International Union of North America. This important gain was only one of many accruing to the feather workers through their membership in Local 18. In addition to the protective cloak against the menaces of illness, accident and death, they receive in the new agreement a 10 cent increase in minimum rates and one week's paid vacation.

## Radio Programs—Labor

KPO—Sunday, Feb. 10, 10:15 a.m.—America United, "Long Range Home Plans," speakers, Boris Shishkin, A.F.L.; Senator Wagner, and Russell Smith, National Farmers' Union.

KPO—Sunday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a. m.—University of Chicago Round Table, "What Is the Solution of the Present Labor Crisis."

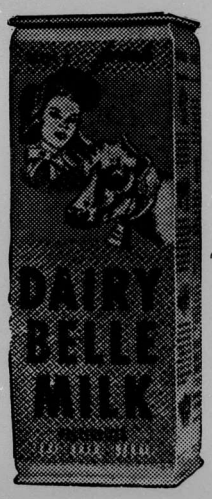

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# State Labor Federation to Call Election Conference

(State Federation of Labor News Service)

A joint meeting of members of the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor and representatives of all other A.F.L. councils in the State of California to consider the endorsement of candidates seeking Statewide political office, has been called for March 23 at 10 a.m. at the Hotel Senator in Sacramento.

Preceding the conference, on Friday evening, March 22, candidates seeking endorsement will be interviewed, and the results reported to the conference. On March 24, Sunday, the executive council of the federation will meet to consider the recommendations of the conference and take whatever action is may decide.

Each council has been invited to send two delegates. Original and duplicate credentials have been mailed with the request that the duplicate credential be filled out and sent to the federation office, and the original be given to the delegates elected by the council.

This conference is expected to be the largest of its kind ever held by the federation.

## Wages Boosted

CHICAGO.—With checks totalling $100,000 in their pockets, members of Picture Frame and Moulding Workers Local 18B, Upholsterers' International Union of North America are enthusiastic about their membership in the U.I.U. The checks, individually ranging from $80 to $175 represents a 5-cent wage increased for the year 1945, the result of the able negotiation of President Michael Gaglione and Business Representative Rizzo with the city's employers. With the increase, wage scales now run from a beginner's rate of 60 cents hourly to $1.35 hourly for experienced mechanics.


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# Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Publication of the much publicized San Francisco *Times* was discontinued even before the first issue was scheduled to appear on February 2. Sixteen pages of what was to be a 32-page initial issue had been printed when the firms which had been producing the tabloid weekly "closed in" on the promoters and demanded assurance of payment. When those promoting the paper were unable to make satisfactory financial arrangements printing of the first "form" was stopped. Later, press dispatches disclosed that the "editor" and promoter of the *"Times"* was under arrest and was to be taken to Los Angeles to face charges of forgery and grand theft. The promoters, who apparently had operated under several aliases, had been paroled from San Quentin in 1942, after serving part of a sentence for passing bad checks in San Bernardino county. Apparently Promoter Kaplan was more of a "paper hanger" than a journalist.

Charles ("Chick") Webb, who recently left for the Union Printers Home, postcards that en route he was detained by a train wreck and arrived in Colorado Springs some two days later than anticipated.

Cecil Farr, member of the *Racing Form* Chapel when that paper moved from San Francisco to Los Angeles and who later served a long "hitch" in Uncle Sam's Army, came back to No. 21 last week, stating that he preferred the Bay Area over the southland.

John Drury, who some months ago quit the *Wall Street Journal* to take a last "fling" at seafaring, came in from Yokohama last week and says that this time he's through with the sea "for good." John states that he had an opportunity of visiting Tokio and other bombed areas of Japan. He reports that while damage was widespread, the transportation system in Nippon apparently was little damaged and is operating quite satisfactorily.

Cincinnati Union reports that, with the assistance of the international president, it has secured a new newspaper contract calling for an increase of $12 for the day shift and $13.50 for night workers. With the foregoing increases the newspaper scale is approximately $14 a week higher than the job scale and efforts are being made to negotiate a new commercial contract.

Emerson W. Adams, formerly of the *Halle-Cordis* Chapel, is now editor and publisher of *"The Montgomery Street Skyline,"* a breezy, well-printed fortnightly publication devoted to all forms of art. The *"Skyline,"* now in its second volume, has met with splendid support and its circulation increases steadily. Needless to say the union label appears in the "masthead."

Soldier "Johnny" Otis, on furlough, visited union headquarters early in the week. Otis, first stationed near Spokane, was later transferred to San Antonio. There he contacted rheumatic fever and was hospitalized, later being granted a furlough while recuperating.

## Hobbs Bill Amendment

NEW YORK.—Chairman Senator Pat McCarran and other members of the Senate Judiciary Committee were urged to amend the Hobbs' anti-racketeering bill to protect lawful trade union activities in letters from the American Civil Liberties Union recently. The A.C.L.U. proposed three amendments "if the committee should see fit to take favorable action on the bill." The Senators were urged: (1) to specifically exempt union activities under the Norris, LaGuardia and Wagner acts so as to protect Labor's rights to strike and picket; (2) to revise the penalties of 20 years and $10,000 fine downward to bring them in line with penalties in other comparable legislation such as the anti-trust act; and (3) to eliminate a section of the bill making it a crime to "conspire" to violate its provisions as superflurous and "dangerous to the rights of innocent trade union members." The bill is before the Senate Judiciary Committee after having passed the House December 12.

## GI Act Change Proposed

WASHINGTON—Senator Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania has proposed revision of the GI Bill of Rights to permit striking veterans to receive unemployment benefits. Myers charged a provision of the act is depriving some veterans of benefits which a civilian receives. "Under State laws," he said in a statement, "striking workers may receive unemployment compensation after five weeks but the veteran must wait until he has exhausted the allowances under the GI bill."

One section of that bill disqualifies a veteran from receiving readjustment allowances if it is found that his unemployment is due to a strike in which he might benefit by the settlement.


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# Former I.T.U. President, U.S. Public Printer, Dies

NEW YORK — Samuel Bratton Donnelly, former president of the International Typographical Union and Public Printer at Washington, died January 26 at Neptune, N. J. He was 79. Before serving as president of the International Typographical Union from 1898 to 1900, he was president of New York Typographical Union No. 6 for three years. After several years as an arbitrator in the building trades in New York, he was appointed Public Printer by President Theodore Roosevelt in December, 1908. President Roosevelt appointed Donnelly not only to the printing post but also to a commission that studied labor conditions in the Panama Canal Zone.

## General Business Activity

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce states that complete year-end reports for 1945 on major activities in the Bay Area revealed new maximums established in many fields and wide contrasts between pre-war levels. The population on January 1, 1946, is estimated at 2,5443,000 or 157,000 above a year ago and 808,692 or 46.6 per cent above the 1940 census for the nine-county area. Retail sales estimate for 1945 of $1,937,024,000 is $176,000,000 above 1944 and $1,060,628,000 or 121 per cent above the total reported by the census for 1939. Wholesale sales estimate of $3,478,000,000 for 1945 exceeds the 1944 estimate by $64,277,000 and the 1939 sales by $1,842,018,000 or 112 per cent.

## Home Building in Sharp Gain

NEW YORK—Gains in the number of new dwelling units involved in construction contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains in the fourth quarter of 1945 were reported by F. W. Dodge Corporation. The comparative figures of new dwelling units for the final quarters of 1945 and 1944 were 28,180 and 12,268, a report prepared by the corporation's statistical division reveals. The total of all construction contracts awarded in the 37 States during the year 1945 was $3,299,303,000 compared with $1,994,016,000 in the previous year. The volume in 1945 exceeded that for 1943 also, and was at a level slightly in excess of that for 1938, the corporation's statistics show.

## Casket Workers Gain

TOMAHAWK, Wis.—A union contract at the Nick Bros. Casket Co. is the proud possession of Local Union, No. 415, Upholsterers' International Union of North America. Six months after organizing to obtain the benefits and protection of a U.I.U.. membership, the Nick workers achieved a closed shop and wage increases ranging from 5 to 25 cents an hour retroactive to August 6, 1945, when Local 415 was certified by the National Labor Relations Board as representing the Nick workers.

## United States Savings Bonds

WASHINGTON—Ninety per cent of American workers will continue to invest in U. S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan. Workers, through a national survey, have shown their desire to continue this systematic and safe method of saving. In response to the recent announcement by Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson, that the government would continue the sale of bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan, leaders of Organized Labor have pledged support of their organizations. Workers of this country, through the Payroll Savings Plan, have bought more than $20,000,000,000 in bonds since the introduction of the program.


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# Resolution

*The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the delegates to the San Francisco Labor Council on Friday evening, January 25, 1945:*

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor has recognized the outstanding work performed by the American Red Cross during the past years when the safety of our country was at stake, and

WHEREAS, A goal of $1,547,000.00 has been set for the coming drive for funds of the San Francisco Red Cross Chapter, and

WHEREAS, The demands and responsibilities of the Red Cross today are greater than ever when your consider the needs of our servicemen, both overseas and home, and when you also remember the needs of millions of distressed and needy people in every corner of the earth, and

WHEREAS, The members of our American Federation of Labor Unions have, during the war, made an outstanding contribution in the whole-hearted manner in which they have supported the Red Cross, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Labor Council hereby goes on record as endorsing the forthcoming campaign of the Red Cross, and

RESOLVED, That the members of the American Federation of Labor Unions in this city are hereby urged to lend this campaign their whole-hearted support, and

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all affiliated trades councils and local unions urging their concurrence in the action of this Council.

## Farmer's Prosperity

NEW YORK—An excess of manpower that tends in peacetime to "back up" on the farm and farm income stability are named as the central factors in the agriculture problems facing the Nation, in a study by Theodore W. Schultz, professor of agricultural economics in the University of Chicago. The study "Agriculture in an Unstable Economy," prepared for the Committee of Economic Development Research Division, has just been published by the McGraw-Hill Book Co. Solving of these two problems would, according to Schultz, put us on the highway to farm prosperity. Efforts to restrict farm output or to legislate farm prices offer no solution, he contends.

## Your Stake in World Affairs

QUES.—What is the U.N.O.?

ANS.—U.N.O. stands for the United Nations Organization. However, the correst name is the *United Nations*. The Charter states, "We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourage of war . . . do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations."

QUES.—What was the cost of both World Wars?

ANS.—It has been estimated that the cost in lives of World War I was over 65 million; in money over $337 billion. World War II over 80 million casualties, and over a trillion dollars. Can we really reduce to figures the cost of war in lives, misery, suffering, and destruction?

Los Angeles county's population as of January 1 was 3,456,227, according to the Regional Planning Commission's survey of local dwelling units.


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# S.F. Labor Council

**Secretary's Office and Headquarters:**
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**Headquarters Phone: MArket 6304**
**The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.**

**Synopsis of Meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, Held Friday Evening, February 1, 1946.**

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President Shelley.

**Roll Call of Officers**—All present.

**Approval of Minutes**—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the *Labor Clarion.*

**Credentials**—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Beauticians No. 12—Margaret McFarland; Dressmakers No. 101—Gussie Fleming; Garage and Service Station Employees No. 665—Arnold Moss, W. F. York, A. H. Thomason, Kenneth Warde, G. A. Rhodes, F. W. Steinkamp, G. Dawes, Bert Moss, F. L. Manning, Fred Clark. Motor Coach Employees No. 1225—Joseph F. Morrison, Harry C. Eagan; Musicians No. 6—Eddie T Burns, Pete Butti, James G. Dewey, Joe Figone, Elmer M. Hubbard, Joe Mendel, Jules Spiller, Walter A. Weber, and Sausage Makers No. 203—Frank Blatnick, Rudy Brauch.

**Report of the Organizing Committee**—(Meeting held Friday, February 1, 1946.) Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, they were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Carmen No. 1380—John M. Rosser; Elevator Operators No. 117—Philip J. Deredi, Frank Guzman; Film and Poster Exchange Employees No. B-17—Edward G. Geiger; Fire Fighters No. 798—James T. Farley; Grocery Clerks No. 648—Genevieve Martinez; Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90—Herman Strauss; Printing Pressmen No. 24—Paul W. Van Zandt; Retail Shoe Salesmen No. 410—W. Pierce. Theatre Janitors No. 9—Charles Huber, and Water Workers No. 401—James Sullivan. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

**Communications**—*Filed.* From the San Francisco War Chest, receipt for $4,283.32, contributed by various local unions. From the American National Red Cross, San Francisco Chapter, receipt for $2,116.68, contributed by various local unions. From Congressman Franck R. Havenner, acknowledging receipt of letter and resolution adopted by this Council, requesting Congress to implement the funds of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U.S. Dept. of Labor and stating that he will do everything to assist in obtaining the appropriations. From the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, thanking President Shelley for his assistance on January 17 in Sacramento in behalf of their demonstration. From Municipal Judge Twain Michelsen acknowledging receipt of our letter of January 15 in reference to the so-called "Rule of Three" in appointing civil service eligibles. Telegram from Andy Ahern stating that one of the drapery manufacturers in Los Angeles voted 100 per cent A.F.L. From the California State Federation of Labor, *Weekly News Letter,* dated January 30.

**Bills** were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

**Donations**—To the March of Dimes: Auto Warehousemen, No. 241—$10.00. Bakers No. 24—$50.00; Carpenters No. 483—$25.00; Coopers No. 65—$10.00; Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7—$50.00; Lumber Clerks No. 2559—$10.00; Miscellaneous Employees No. 110—$25.00; Newspaper & Periodical Drivers No. 921—$25.00; Ornamental Iron Workers No. 472—$25.00; Theatrical Employees No. B-18—$15.00; Waitresses No. 48—$100.00; Warehousemen No. 860—$25.00. To the Sister Kenny Foundation: Municipal Park Employees No. 311—$10.00; Theatrical Employees No. B-18—$15.00; United Garment Workers No. 131. To the San Francisco Red Cross: Checkers & Shipping Clerks No. 229—$160.00. To the San Francisco War Chest: Checkers & Shipping Clerks No. 229—$160.00.

**Resolution**:—Submitted by Delegate Palacios, Laundry Workers No. 26, in reference to obtaining an appropriation for the construction of a new law school. After lengthy discussion motion was made to table this resolution; carried.

**Referred to the Executive Committee**—From Department Store Employees No. 1100, requesting strike sanction against various large downtown stores. From Fire Fighters No. 798, requesting assistance in obtaining the appointment of three battalion chiefs and three chiefs operators, such jobs to be included in the budget for the fiscal year 1946-47. From the Packers and Preserve Workers No. 20989, requesting strike sanction against Puritan Preserve Company, 2140 Folsom Street, and Tea Garden Products, 755 Sansome street. From Printing Specialities and Paper Converters No. 362, requesting strike sanction against the Western Newspaper Union, 500 Howard street. From the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief requesting endorsement of their food campaign which has just been inaugurated. For the San Francisco Employers' Council, enclosing copy of a press release by the Employers' Council in connection with the status of negotiations between Lodge 68, I.A.M., and some twelve so-called "fringe" houses.

**Referred to the California State Federation of Labor**—From Shipwrights No. 1149, enclosing a resolution dealing with the establishment of a Fair Employment Practices Committee.

**Request Complied With**—From the California State Federation of Labor, requesting two delegates be sent to a meeting to be held on March 23 at the Hotel Senator in Sacramento in reference to endorsing candidates for Statewide positions. After some discussion it was decided the selection of these delegates be left to the Executive Committee.

**Delegates Take Notice**—From William Green, President, American Federation of Labor, and C. J. Haggerty, Secretary, California State Federation of Labor, urging all delegates to wire their congressmen immediately to oppose and vote against H.R. 5262, which is a vicious anti-labor bill.

**Report of the Executive Committee**—(Meeting held Monday, January 28, 1946.) Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the absence of President Shelley and Secretary O'Connell, Brother Phillips was elected Chairman pro tem and Brother Johns was elected Secretary pro tem. The first case was request for strike sanction of Operating Engineers No. 64. Present in behalf of the union were Brothers Fitch, Wheeler, Lorenzetti and Deredi. Representing the employer was Mr. William Hanrahan of the San Francisco Employers Council. A long discussion took place regarding the refusal of the employers to grant a 40-hour week to this union. Negotiations have been held over a protracted period of time and a representative of this Council has sat in, in a number of these negotiations. Following the assurance of the union that the engineers would confer with the other unions involved before taking action, it is the recommendation of your committee that strike sanction be granted. (As a result of a meeting held on Wednesday, January 30, it has been requested that strike sanction be held up for another week.) In the matter of the request of the Warehousemen No. 860, for strike sanction against Sharp & Dohme, your committee has been informed that this matter is now adjusted. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

**Reports of Unions**—Delegate Fitch, Operating Engineers No. 64, thanked everyone who assisted his local; namely, Brothers O'Connell, Phillips, and Johns, also Building Service Employees No. 87 and Elevator Operators No. 117. Delegate Schlesinger, Civil Service Janitors No. 66-A, stated that he would like to have a representative of the Labor Council present at their meeting this Monday, February 4. Delegate Scannell, City & County Employees No. 747, requested the Labor Council appoint a subcommittee of the Executive Committee, so that they may confer with the City Employees Committee on Monday afternoon and also appear at the wage hearings on Monday evening, February 4. Delegate Hardy, Building Service Employees No. 87, suggested that a committee from the Labor Council be sent to assist the employees in the City Hall. Delegate Vail, Department Store Employees No. 1100, reported on the situation in the department stores and stated this situation dated back to February 20, 1944. Delegate Rainbow, Boilermakers No. 6, reported that his local has been carrying on negotiations and trust that they may conclude in the very near future. Delegate Roberts, Shipfitters No. 9, gave a lengthy report on the Bethlehem-Alameda situation and also reported on the demonstration held in Sacramento on January 17.

**Report of Election Committee**—The Election Committee reported the result of the run-off election for Vice-President to be as follows: Thomas A. Rotell, 155 votes, and George Johns, 111 votes.

**Announcement**—President Shelley announced that installation of officers would be next Friday, February 8.

**Receipts**, $950.00; **Disbursements**, $251.49.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

# Vicious Anti-Labor Bill To Be Militantly Opposed

**(State Federation of Labor News Service)**

Telegrams have been sent by the California State Federation of Labor to all California congressmen, opposing the vicious Case anti-labor bill. In addition, all central labor councils were asked by the federation to send similar telegrams to their congressmen, and that they have their affiliated organizations do likewise. A well-organized and effective campaign is under way to enact this measure which will hamstring Labor, and the unions must militantly urge their legislators to fight this bill uncompromisingly.

# Housewives Warned

Local housewives who cheerfully accepted a "free offer" to clean and renovate their vacuum cleaners now realize that they, themselves have been taken to a cleaning. According to the Better Business Bureau, a number of local women were approached by a young man who stated that he represented a well-known vacuum cleaner concern which was making the free offer as a goodwill gesture. The complainants reported to the bureau that the cleaners have not been returned, they were given no receipt and the vacuum cleaner firm has no knowledge of any "free goodwill offer" of this kind. Sought for questioning regarding the possible theft of the cleaners is a man described as 5 ft. 4 in., 25-30 years of age, slight build, dark complexion and wearing a chauffeur's cap.


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## WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to note this list carefully *from week to week:*

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 844 Market, 119 Kearny.
Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.
American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Becker Distributing Company.
Bruener. John, Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.
Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of overalls and working men's clothing.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navalet Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Ave., Oakland.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Sloane, W. & J.
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
"Time" and "Life" (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.

All non-union independent taxicabs.
Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.
Locksmith Shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.

# Statement in a City Hall Publication Not Justified

In the January issue of the *City Employees Digest* there appears statements which it is claimed cannot be allowed to pass without comment. This is necessary because of the fact that the monthly is published by an organization which is not connected with Labor.

In an editorial, the *Digest* discusses the recent salary survey for city employees and states: "It appears now that generally those classifications who remained Federation were better taken care of. The same is true of a large group in the inspection service, Board of Health, who undermined Federation morale there, only to end up with a recommended reduction in their scales." The latter statement is a direct slap at Organized Labor.

Employees in the inspection service of the Department of Health were not receiving any representation through Federation. As a consequence they decided to form a union. The State County and Municipal Employees Union (A.F.L.), Local 747, was formed as a result with the inspection service employees forming the nucleus of the new organization. Today Inspector George W. Cuniffe, Jr., is president and Inspector Thomas Comber is treasurer of Local 747.

Since the inception of the union many benefits have accrued to the employees in the inspection service, and the union is still growing. The employees are proud of the fact that they have a union. The union is expanding and has members in practically every city department.

The Federation is not connected with Labor. From every indication it is definitely anti-labor, although it denies such an accusation, but it appears to be definitely anti-A.F.L. When accused of being anti-labor previously the Federation tried to attach itself to Labor's coat-tail by saying what a good friend Labor Council Secretary John O'Connell had been to the Federation. (Mr. O'Connell states that he differs with the Federation's asserted statement.) This was the only connection it could make between itself and Labor.

On the Federation Board of Directors is a Labor man who forsook the A.F.L. over a year ago to join the C.I.O. Transport Workers' Union when he no longer could have his own way in the A.F.L.

The most potent argument that the Federation is anti-Labor and should be dealt with accordingly is the statement made by their representatives in trying to secure members. Such representatives state: "Why belong to a union when we can give you the same service for 30 cents a month?" The Federation has not the slightest interest in Organized Labor other than to use it for its own ends—until the A.F.L. learns the full facts.

As far as the inspection service is concerned the Federation could not have helped in the present salary survey. It is doubtful that the Federation submitted any data at all, hoping to claim credit for any raises secured by city employees.

The business agent of Local 747 called the attention of the editor of the *City Employees' Digest* to the editorial mentioned. In reply the editor stated that he knew what he was doing. As a result all Labor members should be informed of the Federation's indirect attack on a Labor union.

## Infant Shelter Reopened

Infant Shelter, formerly a day nursery for children, reopened Monday, Februarv 4, as a 24-hour receiving center for young children during the temporary family emergencies. Under the new program, the shelter will take care of pre-school youngsters, aged 3 months to 4½ years, whose families are faced with illness or other crises, for a stay not to exceed 90 days. Community Chest-supported, the shelter is located at 1201 Ortega street. It has facilities for 60 children, having just concluded a period of repairs and reconversion. Facilities include playrooms both indoors and out, a sterile infant's room, two dining rooms divided especially for younger and older children, bedrooms, washrooms, an infirmary, and staff quarters.


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...is daily swelling the total, the ... sale of the San Francisco Tuberculosis Asso... ill be nearly as high as the record-breaking 1944 campaign. In spite of the unsettled conditions, more than $113,000 has been contributed, according to Easton G. Hecker, president of the association.

Appointment of two additional alternate industry members to the Tenth Regional Wage Stabilization has been announced. The new appointees are Stanley Plumb of Los Angeles and William Hern of Berkeley.

If you have a youngster in your home who is indulging in that age-old sport of kite flying, warn the youngster against flying kites near electric, trolley or telephone wires; impress the danger in running across highways and streets, and stress the danger of climbing poles to retrieve tangled kites from wires. It is a great sport but it can be a dangerous sport as well.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company plans to spend $1,752,000 in enlarging and extending its distribution facilities in Santa Rosa and other Sonoma County communities, A. Emory Wishon, vice president and general manager of the firm announced recently.

## State Labor Paragraphs

EL CENTRO—The housing committee of the Imperial Valley Central Labor Council has concluded preparatory negotiations to purchase the former Hems Buildings as the home for Labor of the Imperial Valley.

LOS ANGELES—Acting State Director Raymond Krah for 40 southland offices of the U. S. Employment Service warned that the housing shortage in the area is extremely critical and that work seekers should not come into the district. There are plenty of workers available at present to take care of the jobs on hand now or in the immediate future.

FRESNO—The California State Council of Carpenters will meet in this city for a three-day confab commencing March 1. More than 250 delegates are expected to be in attendance when the meeting gets under way.

SACRAMENTO—James Barkley was installed as president of the National Association of Letters Carriers, No. 133, on January 26. This is the second consecutive term and his third as president of the organization. W. L. McQuillan, secretary of the California State Letter Carriers' Association acted as installing officer.

SACRAMENTO—Bakers' Union, No. 85, received from the Hoyt Donut Shops a voluntary 18 per cent increase in wages for the hand bakers.

OAKLAND—Saturday evening, March 2, has been set as the date of the annual first annual dance and floor show to be given by Office Employees' International Union, No. 29, at the Oakland Civic Auditorium.

## Chicago Upholsterers Win

CHICAGO—Upholsterers' and Furniture Workers Local 18 continues to add to its shining and lengthy record of achievements for its members. Following prolonged negotiations with representativees of the city's hotel associations and independently-owned establishments, Local 18, Upholsterers' International Union emerged with a 10-cent hourly increase for its members including upholsterers, sewers, cabinet makers and finishers. The increase is retroactive to August 1, 1945, for the Loop hotels and September 1, 1945, in the residential hotels, representing a total of $6500 in back pay for the workers.

## Tunnel 26 Miles Long Proposed

SACRAMENTO—A bold plan for conquering the Tehachapi mountain range by means of a 26-mile tunnel has been advanced here by Charles West Jones, senior bridge engineer of the State Division of Highways.

Worked out in detail, the plan offers a 66-foot wide, triple-usage bore with a two-lane truck road on one side, a double-track railroad route next to it and above these two courses, a four-lane passenger-vehicle roadways occupying the tunnel's entire width. Special ventilation area is also provided.


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# A.F.L. Union Represents New York City Workers

NEW YORK.—William J. Powell, Commissioner of the Deparment of Sanitation, issued a special order informing department employees that units of the American Federation of Labor would be recognized as officials unions for them.

The order was taken as a slap at the Congress of Industrial Organization, which has been active among the 9,000 employees of the Sanitation Department.

Mr. Powell said that 80 to 90 per cent of the personnel in the Sanitation Department had been affiliated with A.F.L. unions. He remarked that the order was in keeping with the policy of the department for the last five years.

The labor policy of the Sanitation Department differs somewhat from that of the Board of Transportation. In the latter department, the commissioners have dealt with as many as 16 spokesmen from various Labor units who are employed by the rapid transit lines. This was the result of the unification of the city's subway, elevated, bus and street car lines.

It was explained at Mr. Powell's office that while his assistants would have a chance to listen also to assertions of C.I.O. members, their complaints about wages and hours must come through A.F.L. channels. Mr. Powell said the A.F.L. had been in control of the working force in the Sanitation Department for a number of years.

There was no comment about the order from Mayor O'Dwyer's office.

The order follows:

"The organizations making up the joint board of sanitation locals of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (affiliated with the A.F.L.) are as follows:

"Local 43, Borough of Queens, Michael Morro, president; Local 111, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, Elias Shapiro, president; Local 238, Borough of Brooklyn, Anthony Grego, president; Local 308, Borough of the Bronx, John DeLury, president; Local 750, all boroughs, James Dugan, president.

"This department will recognize only the heads of the above mentioned organizations as the duly authorized representatives of the men and will confer with them on problems relating to their working conditions."

## Wisdom

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The N.E.A. and United States Congress of Parents and Teachers are supporting the pending legislation for Federal aid for education.





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